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<u>SOUTH DAKOTA, West</u>									
Pennington County 1 W Rapid City	01	1410MST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
Pennington County Rapid City	01	1430MST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
Bennett County 20 W Martin to 20 E Martin	01	1700MST 1900MST			0	0			Flash Flood
Mellette County 15 N Cedar Butte	01	1700MST 2100MST			0	0			Flash Flood
Mellette County 15 N Cedar Butte	01	1700MST			0	0			Hail (2.00)
Mellette County White River	01	1712MST 1715MST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
Mellette County White River	01	1725MST 1730MST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
Bennett County Martin	01	1758MST 1835MST			0	0			Hail (1.00)
Shannon County Pine Ridge	01	1800MST 2000MST			0	0			Flash Flood
Shannon County Pine Ridge	01	1800MST			0	0			Hail (1.00)
Mellette County 15 N Cedar Butte	01	1830MST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G52)
Mellette County 15 N Cedar Butte	01	1900MST			0	0		25K	Hail (3.00)
Bennett County Martin	01	1902MST 1905MST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G56)

During the late afternoon and early evening hours, a significant flash flood occurred from southwest to south-central South Dakota. Large hail, gusty winds and flooding rains were a result of these thunderstorms. In Bennett county, 5 miles west of Martin, two cars were washed off Highway 18 by rushing water over the road. No injuries were reported in either case. Highway 18 had numerous places where water covered the road in Bennett county. In southwest Mellette county, numerous secondary roads were washed out and many places were under water, and three inch hail caused extensive damage to one rancher's home and crops.

Pennington County 7 SW Rapid City to 4 SW Rapid City	02	1500MST 1600MST			0	0	286K		Flash Flood
Pennington County Rapid City	02	1500MST 1600MST			0	0	147K		Urban/Sml Stream Fld
Pennington County 6 W Rapid City	02	1530MST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
Pennington County 8 SW Rapid City	02	1540MST			0	0			Hail (1.00)

During the late afternoon and early evening a localized but rather intense flash-flood occurred in the Rapid Creek drainage basin. A thunderstorm produced rainfall amounts of 2 to 3 inches in less than an hour from Deerfield to Rapid City. More localized amounts



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of four and a half inches in a half hour period were reported in the Chapel Valley area, where extensive damage was also reported. In Cleghorn Canyon, appropriately 7 miles southwest of Rapid City, the water was six to eight feet deep, washing out a couple of driveways and tearing out a couple of bridges. In Red Rock Canyon, approximately 4 miles southwest of Rapid City, the water was eight to ten feet deep and washed out some driveways, bridges, and culverts. A shed from the Chapel Valley area was also washed down stream. In the Rapid City area, some local roads were covered with six inches to over one foot of water, and a local golf course reported some minor flooding.

Bennett County

12 W Martin to
Allen

02 2122MST
03 0400MST

0 0

Flash Flood

Jackson County

15 NW Longvalley to
8 NW Longvalley

02 2122MST
03 0030MST

0 0

Flash Flood

Shannon County

5 W Oglala

02 2122MST
03 0400MST

0 0

Flash Flood

Heavy rain fell over south central South Dakota during the late evening hours causing already swollen rivers and streams to come out of their banks. Minor flooding was reported on U.S. Highway 18 in Bennett and Shannon counties, and over county road 2 and Highway 44 in Jackson county.

Perkins County

10 NW Usta to
5 SE Usta

11 1000MST
1600MST

0 0 24.7K

Flash Flood

Ziebach County

30 NW Dupree to
10 NE Dupree

11 1000MST
1600MST

0 0

Flash Flood

Excessive rain of four to eight inches fell during the overnight and early morning hours over southeast Perkins and northern Ziebach counties; as a result, numerous creeks and the Moreau river overflowed their banks. Sections of Highway 73 and other secondary roads had be closed temporarily due to water flowing over them. Two culverts northwest and west of Usta and three bridges over Deer Creek were washed out.

Shannon County

2 W Oglala

11 1150MST

0 0

Hail (1.75)

Shannon County

3 SE Oglala

11 1205MST

0 0

Hail (0.75)

Mellette County

White River

11 1225MST

0.1 1

0 0

Tornado (F0)

Mellette County

White River

11 1325MST

0 0

Hail (1.75)

A cluster of thunderstorms over southwest and south-central South Dakota produced hail up to golfball size in diameter and a brief tornado. No injuries or damage were reported by the hail or the tornado.

Meade County

Opal to
5 NE Opal

11 1750MST
2300MST

0 0

Flash Flood

Ziebach County

Red Scaffold to
5 NE Red Scaffold

11 1750MST
2300MST

0 0

Flash Flood

Heavy rain during the late afternoon and evening hours across northeast Meade and southwest Ziebach counties produced flash flooding along Brushy, Beaver, and Cherry creeks and the Cheyenne river. The emergency manager from Meade county reported some county roads had been washed out and that water was up to six feet deep in some locations in northeast sections of the county.



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<u>SOUTH DAKOTA, West</u>									
Meade County 10 SE Sturgis	14	1250MST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
Meade County Sturgis	14	1350MST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
Meade County 10 SE Sturgis	14	1520MST 1600MST			0	0			Funnel Cloud
Pennington County 15 E Rapid City	14	1600MST 1625MST			0	0			Funnel Cloud
Meade County 10 E Piedmont	14	1630MST			0	0			Hail (4.00)
Meade County 10 E Piedmont	14	1630MST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
Meade County Ellsworth Afb	14	1645MST			0	0			Hail (1.00)
A large severe thunderstorm developed near Tilford and moved east across southern Meade county. The storm produced hail up to four inches in diameter and numerous funnel clouds.									
Lawrence County St Onge	14	1645MST			0	0			Hail (1.00)
Fall River County 5 N Hot Spgs	15	1236MST	0.1	1	0	0			Tornado (F0)
A thunderstorm produced a brief tornado near Argyle Road. No injuries or damage were reported									
Harding County 15 N Buffalo	18	2035MST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G52)
Butte County Hoover	18	2120MST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G52)
Strong thunderstorms developed during the late evening hours over northwest South Dakota. These storms produced strong wind gusts to 60 mph, but no damage was reported.									
Shannon County 10 W Pine Ridge	19	1445MST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
Shannon County Pine Ridge	19	1455MST			0	0			Hail (1.75)
A severe thunderstorm produced golfball size hail, damaging numerous cars, over southern Shannon County.									
Meade County Elm Spgs	19	2310MST			0	0	1K		Hail (1.00)
Meade County 10 ENE Elm Spgs	19	2315MST			0	0			Hail (2.00)
Meade County 2 E Elm Spgs	19	2315MST			0	0	0.50K		Hail (1.00)
Meade County 10 ENE Elm Spgs	19	2315MST			0	0	25K		Thunderstorm Wind (G52)
Pennington County 5 N Creighton	19	2330MST			0	0	0.50K		Hail (1.50)
Pennington County 2 E Creighton	19	2330MST 2340MST			0	0	25K		Hail (2.00)



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Haakon County Philip	20	0015MST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G65)
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Haakon County 25 E Philip	20	0030MST			0	0	0.50K		Hail (1.00)
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Severe thunderstorms moved over western South Dakota during the overnight hours of June 19th and 20th. Large hail and strong thunderstorm winds caused considerable damage to crops and broke several windows in the Elm Springs and Creighton areas. In Creighton, two inch hail piled up to three to four inches deep and wiped out a farmers entire crop.

Shannon County 8 W Pine Ridge	20	0245MST			0	0			Hail (2.75)
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Butte County 1 E Nisland	21	1205MST			0	0			Funnel Cloud
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Butte County 1 E Nisland	21	1208MST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
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Meade County 7 NE Hereford	21	1335MST	0.1	1	0	0			Tornado (F0)
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Meade County 3 SE Elm Spgs	21	1440MST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
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Haakon County Philip	21	1615MST			0	0			Hail (1.75)
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Jackson County 8 NW Kadoka	21	1650MST			0	0			Hail (1.00)
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Jackson County 2 E Kadoka	21	1705MST			0	0			Hail (1.00)
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A severe thunderstorm developed during the early afternoon hours and continued into the evening. The storm produced a funnel cloud and hail over southern Butte County. The same storm later produced a brief tornado over west-central Meade County in an open field. No damage or injuries were reported.

Haakon County Philip	22	1905MST			0	0			Funnel Cloud
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Haakon County Philip	22	1905MST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G52)
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A severe thunderstorm over southern Haakon county produced three funnel clouds and a wind gust to 60 mph near the town of Philip. No damage was reported with the wind.

Perkins County 6 E Bison	23	2340MST 2350MST			0	0	5K		Thunderstorm Wind (G74)
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Perkins County Meadow	23	2345MST 2355MST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
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Perkins County Meadow	23	2345MST 2355MST			0	0	5K	25K	Thunderstorm Wind (G74)
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Crops were destroyed from wind driven hail.

Perkins County 1 N Meadow	23 24	2350MST 0005MST			0	0	5K		Thunderstorm Wind (G74)
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Perkins County 1 N Meadow	23 24	2350MST 0005MST			0	0	25K		Thunderstorm Wind (G75)
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Perkins County

3 N Meadow	23	2352MST			0	0		Hail (1.75)
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Perkins County

6 N Meadow	24	0000MST 0005MST			0	0		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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A severe thunderstorm with hail and winds up to 90 mph move through northwest South Dakota during the overnight hours. A roof was blown off a building, numerous power poles were downed, trees were stripped of big branches and many area farmers lost their crops due to wind driven hail. The crop damage over Perkins county could be seen on visible satellite images days after the event.

Pennington County

Rapid City	28	2325MST			0	0		Hail (0.75)
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Pennington County

7 S Wall	29	0020MST			0	0		Thunderstorm Wind (G63)
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During the overnight hours, a strong thunderstorm developed over Rapid City and produced three-quarter inch hail that piled up to two inches deep in southwest Rapid City. The same storm later produced a 72 mph wind gust at the Badlands National Park Pinnacles ranger station. No damage was reported from the hail or the wind.

Pennington County

15 W Rapid City	29	1436MST			0	0		Hail (2.00)
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Pennington County

10 W Rapid City	29	1445MST			0	0		Hail (2.00)
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Pennington County

Hisega	29	1502MST			0	0		Hail (1.50)
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Pennington County

5 SW Keystone	29	1506MST			0	0		Hail (0.75)
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Custer County

15 E Custer	29	1534MST			0	0		Hail (1.75)
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A strong thunderstorm developed during the afternoon hours and produced up to two inch hail in some locations. The storm moved over Mt. Rushmore National Monument and produced three-quarter inch hail, but no injuries or damage were reported.

Perkins County

8 WNW Usta	30	0250MST			0	0		Hail (0.75)
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A severe thunderstorm developed over northwest South Dakota during the overnight hours and produced hail and strong winds which resulted in many branches being broken off trees. A trucker reported hail deep enough that vehicles had difficulty getting through near Buffalo in Harding County.

Mellette County

Wood	30	1520MST			0	0		Hail (0.75)
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Todd County

20 SW Mission	30	1605MST			0	0		Hail (1.00)
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Lawrence County

Deadwood	30	2225MST			0	0		Hail (0.75)
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Meade County

Sturgis	30	2240MST 2245MST			0	0		Hail (2.50)
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WYOMING, Northeast

Crook County

4 S Sundance	11	1040MST	0.1	1	0	0			Tornado (F0)
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Campbell County

13 SE Gillette	14	1600MST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
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Campbell County

Recluse	23	1950MST			0	0			Hail (1.75)
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Crook County

4 W New Haven	23	2040MST			0	0			Hail (1.00)
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Crook County

New Haven	23	2045MST			0	0			Hail (1.00)
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Severe thunderstorms developed over northeast Wyoming during the late evening hours and produced up to golfball size hail. No damage was reported from the hail.

Campbell County

Gillette	27	1925MST			0	0	5K		Thunderstorm Wind (G53)
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A thunderstorm with little rain resulted in strong straight line winds over Gillette and ripped a roof off a mobile home

Crook County

10 NE Moorcroft	28	1720MST			0	0			Hail (1.00)
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Crook County

6 N Sundance	28	1725MST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
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Campbell County

20 N Gillette	29 30	0300MST 1200MST			0	0			Wild/Forest Fire
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An electrical storm during the early morning hours resulted in a wild fire that burned 20 to 30 acres of timber north of Gillette. No injuries were reported with the fire and no buildings were damaged.